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MDOT announces plans to widen I-10 between Diamondhead and Long Beach

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Mississippi Department of Transportation last week announced plans to widen I-10 to six lanes between Diamondhead and Long Beach at the County Farm Road exit.

“We are very excited to hear

the news about the \$60 million grant funding from the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program (MEGA Infrastructure Grant) for the six-lane widening of I-10 beginning West of Diamondhead to Long Beach,” Diamondhead Mayor Nancy Depreo said Monday. “This project is needed to re-

lieve the congestion on I-10 that we commonly experience trying to leave or get back into Diamondhead. The project will also create economic development opportunities not only for Diamondhead but the entire Gulf Coast. Diamondhead residents living along I-10, are excited to learn that the sound barrier wall

will be included in this project. “This announcement comes at the perfect time for Diamondhead. In March, MDOT will begin the work on Exit 16 improvements, which will in-

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NYE Oyster Drop draws hundreds to BSL

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Local artist Steve Barney is the creator of the oyster sculpture, which dropped at the stroke of midnight on New Year’s Eve.

It was a foggy night in Bay St. Louis this past Saturday, but that didn’t keep hundreds of people from crowding into the 200 block of Beach Boulevard in Old Town for the New Year’s Eve Oyster Drop. “It was bigger and better than last year and it’s going to be even bigger and better next year,” event organizer Jim MacPhaille said. MacPhaille, a developer who owns multiple businesses and properties in Bay St. Louis, started the event to ring in the New Year for 2020 atop his 200 North Beach Restaurant. He commissioned local artist Steve Barney to create the brightly-lit oyster sculpture, which drops

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Koenenn announces bid for Chancery Clerk; qualifying period for all county offices begins

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Kodie Koenenn has announced he will be running for the Hancock County Chancery Clerk’s position in 2023, rather than reelection to his current post as the District 3 member of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. “After many discussions with family and friends and deep thought and prayers, I am excited to announce my candidacy for Hancock County Chancery Clerk in the 2023 election,” Koenenn said in a social media statement. Longtime Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar announced last November

that will retire when his current term in office ends in December 2023. He has been elected to seven consecutive terms for a total of 28 years, making him the longest serving chancery clerk in Hancock County history. He surpasses A.G. “Red” Favre who held the office for 20 years. “I want to thank Mr. Tim Kellar for his 26 years of service, and the previous clerks who helped pave the way of supporting our community,” Koenenn said. Koenenn previously served on the Diamondhead City Council before being elected to the board of supervisors. “My time as an elect-



Kodie Koenenn

ed councilman and more specifically supervisor has allowed me first hand experience and passion for helping the public,” Koenenn said. “It has allowed me to learn the importance of being accessible, and I want to continue that service and passion by helping the

chancery clerk’s office. “It has been an honor to serve you as your District 3 supervisor, one that I am so grateful for, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve you as your next Chancery Clerk to provide the transparency and integrity that is expected.” Koenenn and his wife Stephanie live in Diamondhead with their children Makelsie and Kaison. The qualifying period began Jan. 3 for candidates for 2023 elections, including statewide offices, state district offices, county offices and county district offices. The deadline to qualify is 5 p.m. on Wednesday,

Feb. 1. The Mississippi Secretary of State’s website, www.sos.ms.gov, has a complete 2023 Candidate Qualifying Guide, which provides all the information for those seeking public office. All county offices are up for election this year. The 2023 Elections dates are as follows: Primary Election Day - Tuesday, Aug. 8. Primary Runoff Election Day - Tuesday, Aug. 29. General/Special Election Day - Tuesday, Nov. 7. General/Special Runoff Election Day - Tuesday, Nov. 28.



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Bay St. Louis Connections: All Over the Place

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
BY IRV CUEVAS

Call it coincidence, a fluke, or just the way life plays out, but on two recent and different occasions miles apart, three Bay Saint Louis connections came to light among three persons, two who are Bay natives and the other involving space vehicle testing at the Stennis Space Center in Hancock County.

The first happened in Chicago in early November, at a dinner with Notre Dame & Clemson fans prior to their teams meeting in South Bend, IN Nov. 5th. In chatting with Ashley Alford Bruno, I asked where she was from. Her answer: “Bay Saint Louis”. Surprised, I hesitated in responding, that I too was a Bay native, though years apart. Course our conversation then got more detailed.

Turns out, Ashley’s parents are Douglas and Deborah Ginn Alford (now deceased). Deborah Alford is the daughter of James and Jackie Ginn. (both deceased). James as many in the Bay know, was prominent in Hancock /Whitney Bank high-ranking positions and other business, community enterprises and service in his long years in the Bay. Though close in age, I distinctly remember playing neighborhood sports and other youthful games with James.

Reflecting her grandfather’s personality and friendliness, Ashley shared that she attended Our Lady Academy,

where she was on the swimming, cheerleading and softball teams. After OLA graduation in 2001, Ashley attended Ole Miss, was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and graduated with a Nursing Degree in 2006.

Ashley, husband Christopher Bruno and their two children Campbell Elizabeth and Beau Christopher, reside in Memphis.

What happened next in this “it’s a small world story”, came at a “Celebration of Life” service following the funeral of a friend here in Southern California. By chance at the gathering of the deceased family and friends, I found myself at the same table as Don Reddington, a self-described gregarious and talkative Irishman. During a very animated conversation, I learned Reddington, whose business card describes himself as a “Traveler”, told of working for many years with North American Aviation (eventually acquired by Boeing) based in Seal Beach, CA, where this writer has lived for many years.

Reddington’s primary job with the Saturn rocket assembly in Seal Beach was as a space vehicle test mechanic which also required he operate the powerful lifting crane to tediously and precisely position the rocket for assembly, testing and shipping. From Seal Beach, Reddington’s job took him to various positions at what was first known as the Mississippi Test Fa-



Photo courtesy of Irv Cuevas
Ashley Alford Bruno and husband Chris, in the center; Irv Cuevas (ND Cap) to Ashley’s right; Jason Cuevas on far right of the group (red jacket, no cap); and Sarah Cuevas (Jason’s wife) on far left of the group next to me. We are in front of Notre Dame’s famed Hesburgh Library with iconic mosaic of “Touchdown Jesus” adjacent to the Stadium and prior to the Clemson-Notre Dame game 11/5, which ND won, much to Irv’s delight and Ashley’s disappointment.

cility in Hancock County, later renamed The John C. Stennis Space Center, in honor of Mississippi’s famous and influential U. S Senator.

Reddington spent most of his time in the Bay from late 1967 to the early ‘70’s in an apartment on De Montluzin Ave. But come Hurricane Camille in 1969, he and some family members evacuated to the Ramada Inn on Highway 90 where they rode out the devastation.

Reddington has distinct memories of much of the Bay back then, knowing that Fred Curet was the Sheriff; delicious po-boys at Lil’ Rays on Highway 90; in fact, mentioning that it was Ray Kidd who taught him to ride a motorcycle. Speaking of po-boys, Reddington knows what it means to order a po-boy or burger “dressed”. And he recalls a number of Bay family names such as Perniciaro, Ne-caise, Ladner, Gavagnie,



Photo courtesy of Irv Cuevas
Don Reddington on the left, and Irv Cuevas on the right at the Celebration of Life for a common friend of ours. Don lives just a couple miles from me in Seal Beach, but we’ve never met.

Cuevas, Bourgeois and others. Our new friend speaks highly of his time in Bay Saint Louis, but said the last time he’s been able to visit was just prior to Hurricane Katrina in late August 2005.

If there is a bottom line to this story, perhaps it’s simply being open to conversations with strangers in various settings. You just never know who you’ll meet and what you might learn, especially just how far Bay Saint Louis’ tentacles have spread around our nation.

By the way, I am one of seven children of the late Monroe Frank. and Margaret Oakley-Fayard Cuevas of the Bay. I’m a graduate of St. Stanislaus College, the University of Southern Mississippi, and with a Master of Arts/Communications Degree from California State University-Fullerton.

Former Echo Publisher Ellis Cuevas, now deceased, is my first cousin. Ellis was instrumental in my being hired as an Echo reporter/photographer one summer in the early 60’s while I attended USM, a job that laid the groundwork for my long career in television news, most in Los Angeles, at KABC-TV News, but with prior stops at NBC News: Burbank, CA, WSB-TV Atlanta and WLOX-TV Biloxi.

My son Jason, daughter-in-law Sarah and grandchildren Olivia ,11/6th Grade, and Alex, 8/3rd Grade, live in Augusta, GA, where my son is Vice President of Georgia Power Company’s Northeast Region of the state. Sarah is Finance & Facility Director for Via Cognitive Health of Augusta.

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“In the Twinkling of an Eye” Book Signing – Diamondhead Lions Club Open Meeting

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In a special open meeting on Thursday, December 15, the Diamondhead Lions Club hosted the return of author James Lawler for a discussion of his experiences as a former CIA agent and his new book, “In the Twinkling of an Eye”, his second book as part of a trilogy. At this special Lions Club meeting Lawler again signed copies of his new book.

Although the book documents several overt and covert international terrorist and saber-rattling events, the events are described as fictional events with fictional characters – many based upon CIA and other agents from friendly or not-so-friendly nations. Lions, of course, do not participate in activities as described in Lawler’s books, but Lions are Knights in action throughout the world. As requested by Helen Keller, all Lions are deemed to be “Knights for the Blind”, referring to the signature cause of all Lions Clubs – to aid the blind and vision impaired. We welcome all new Lions as “Knights” in our local pride. (In nature, feline Lions communities are called prides.)

In addition to serving the blind and vision impaired, the Diamondhead Lions Club supports the other International Lions goals of supporting the hearing impaired, the hungry, diabetes awareness, youth guidance, the environment, and disaster relief. We

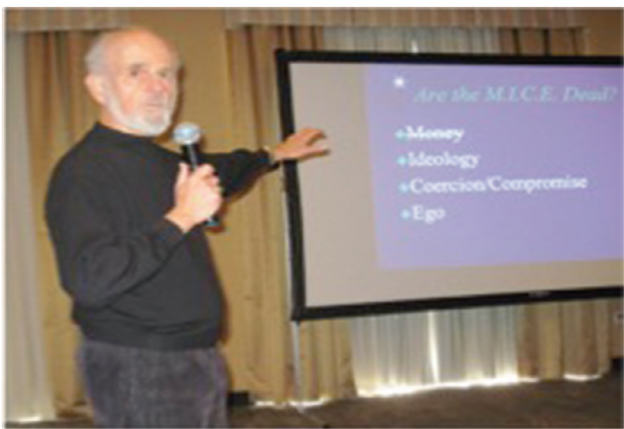


Photo submitted
Author James Lawler is Shown Describing his Activities in the CIA.

also support many local charities and organizations that need the help that we can provide, as well as local individuals that need help with eye care, hearing aids, or other needs.

In the near future meeting, be our guest at one of our regular club meetings. Our next meeting is Friday, January 20, 2023, for lunch, at 11:30 AM in the Diamondhead Country Club. Future meetings are on the third Friday of each month. Let us know when you can come – we will save a seat for you - contact Lion Sherry Nécaise at 228-256-3226 (senecaise@yahoo.com).

PUBLIC NOTICE

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In addition to Bay St. Louis, the U.S. Postal Service will be hiring for delivery and retail positions in Biloxi, Gulfport, Long Beach, Moss Point, Ocean Springs, Pass Christian, and Saucier.

As part of its 10-year plan, “Delivering for America,” the U.S. Postal Service is focused on building a more stable and empowered workforce. Employees are its greatest asset, and the organization is investing in new employees by providing robust training and on-the-job support.

The U.S. Postal Service offers competitive wages and benefits, and career advancement opportunities.

Accepting a position with the Postal Service is the first step to starting a long, fulfilling career with a dynamic, forward-thinking organization committed to delivering for the American people.

Interested applicants may learn more about the following employment opportunities at the job fair:

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This employee will deliver and collect packages along routes in rural areas and will provide a variety of services to customers along an assigned route. The successful applicant may be required to provide their own vehicle for transportation. As an ARC, you may opt to provide service to your community on weekends and holidays or up to seven days each week; whichever suits your lifestyle. If you enjoy working outdoors, while keeping your week free, this position may be a great fit for you.

Rural Carrier Associate (RCA)
Salary: \$19.50 per hour

In this role, you will deliver and collect packages along routes in rural areas during weekdays, weekends, and holidays. You also will provide a variety of services to customers along your assigned route. You may be required to use a personal vehicle if a postal vehicle is not provided. As an RCA, you may be eligible to receive health benefits and promotion to a career opportunity. This position is ideal for candidates who enjoy staying active and working independently outdoors with occasional customer service interactions.

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Salary: \$18.92 per hour

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Individuals who are interested in postal employment are encouraged to check usps.com/careers for updated job postings.

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MKOTSH 2023 Honor Guard Announcement & Dec Donations



Photo by Brenda Comer

Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse presented their 2023 Captain Longbeard & Lady Claiborne and Honor Guard at the December Social. From L-R: Kirk & Linda Brodhead, Chuck & Chris Guidry, Lady Claiborne’s First Mate Mike Cockrell, Lady Claiborne-Susan Humphreys, Captain Longbeard-Trip Trappagnier & First Mate Debbie Baudin, Jill & Chad Barnett, and Crystal & Bryan Fassbender. Adult residents and visitors of Hancock County are invited to the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse “Mutiny in the Bay” Party to meet the new Captain, Lady, and Honor Guard Saturday January 14, 2023, 7 pm -11pm. The theme for this year’s Honor Guard is “Revenge of the Seahorse” and there will be plenty of shenanigans, frolicking, and swashbuckling to go around. For details/tickets go to MKOTSH.COM website or follow us on FB. We would like to thank Hollywood Casino management and staff for sponsoring the fabulous spread of food and decadent cupcakes.



Photo by Brenda Comer

Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse member, Anna Bentz, won the 50/50 drawing at the December Krewe social and donated her half back for a whopping \$1106.00 awarded to Millie’s movement. Millie Brignone and her family were present to receive the donation. Thank You Millie for all you do to help the children of Hancock County have a Merry Christmas through your fundraising efforts throughout the year



Photo by Brenda Comer

Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse held it’s annual Toy Drive at the December Social Thursday December 8 at the Hollywood Casino. The members brought toys and the Krewe donated an additional \$500.00 for the purchase of gift cards and other much needed items for the children of Hancock County. Kelli Billups accepted the donation and toys on behalf of the Hancock Resource Center.





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December was a busy month and as the Krewe of Seahorse closed the books for 2022, the last donation was awarded to the Hancock County Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization located in the historic Kate Lobrano House and is the primary source of historical information and records for the county. Hancock County Historical Society President, Chris Roth, was in attendance and accepted donation.

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FEST planning committee chair Ash Parker at aparker@hancock.lib.ms.us. The deadline to submit your design has been extended to January 31.

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2. The art must be your own. Any derivative (inclusion of parts from another artist) must have permission and be attributed to that artist with an appropriate Creative Commons license.
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2023” will be added to the winning design for publication and production of promotional materials.

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Opinion

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The Arts Hancock County celebrates 20 years

January 2023 marks the 20th Anniversary of The Arts Hancock County. It’s hard to believe that’s it’s been 20 years, but this grass roots organization has grown and flourished for two decades now. It began with a need for a countywide arts organization. Bay Saint Louis was known as an arts community and promoted art events for its resident artists. But, in actuality, artists make their home and studios in all parts of the county: from Waveland, to Pearlington, to Diamondhead to the Kiln.

Guest Column
By Gwen Impson
The Arts Hancock
County

As a new comer, I could see the need for a county-wide arts organization. I approached the three most successful entities in the county: the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock Tourism Bureau and the Hancock County Library System. Coincidentally, all three were headed up by women: Tish Williams with the Chamber, Beth Carriere with Tourism and Mary Perkins with the Library system. I didn’t have to convince them of the need for an arts organization. They got it and together we started laying the groundwork. The more artists I talked to only reinforced this need.

Once the basic idea took hold, I approached Randy Ponder who was the Sea Coast editor at that time. He recognized the economic value of an arts organization and provided us with support from the very beginning in the Echo.

So, January, twenty years ago we held our first meeting in the conference room at the Bay St Louis Library and were pleasantly surprised with the turn out. There was standing room only! We were off to a good start. We were validated!

In the next 20 years, The Arts continued to grow to meet the needs of our artists, to promote the economic value of an arts community and to educate and inform the public.

From the very beginning, our goal was to be all inclusive... even before that term became a popular mantra. We included professionals and hobbyists, individuals and families, young and old. Our definition of ART was not limited to traditional forms but encompassed writers, potters, sculptors, musicians, dancers, jewelry makers, printmakers, photographers and those working in mixed media. This alone set us apart from any other art organization on the Gulf Coast.

Last year we opened our very own Arts Center, which also sets us apart. This allows us to grow and expand in ways undreamed of until now. So to mark

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Hancock History: Simon Favre The Indispensable Man

In the second half of the Eighteenth Century the Gulf Coast was in a period of transition both politically and economically. During this Colonial Period of our history this land called West Florida was transferred from France to Great Britain in 1763, and then to Spain in 1783. The Pearl River Valley looked attractive to potential settlers, but the threat of attacks from Indians, pirates, or robbers as well as the unreliability of land claims discouraged migration. This state of relative chaos was recognized by all the various players in this drama, but skilled local leadership was needed to facilitate the inevitable annexation by the United States of the Gulf Coast. In these precarious but crucial

times an “indispensable man” was needed like George Washington in the founding of the United States. Simon Favre was the “indispensable man” in this chapter of Hancock History.

Simon Favre was born in Mobile in 1760. His father, Jean Claude Favre (1721-1782) learned the Choctaw Muskogean language from his father, Jean Baptiste Favre. This family earned a good reputation as interpreters because they were educated and natural linguists who enjoyed living with the local Choctaw Indians. In 1763 Jean Claude was the translator at the assemblies between the French, British, and local Indians to explain the change of dominion of West Florida. Jean Claude received a land

grant of five hundred acres on the Pearl River at the site of the future town of Napoleon. Jean Claude was the first non-Native Indian resident in this region of the East Pearl River. Jean Claude married Marguerite Wietz (1740-1805) from Mobile. The Favres were a respected family in Mobile and quite involved with the local politics. They were well educated for the times and responsible for much oral and written correspondence with the various governments and Indian chiefs.

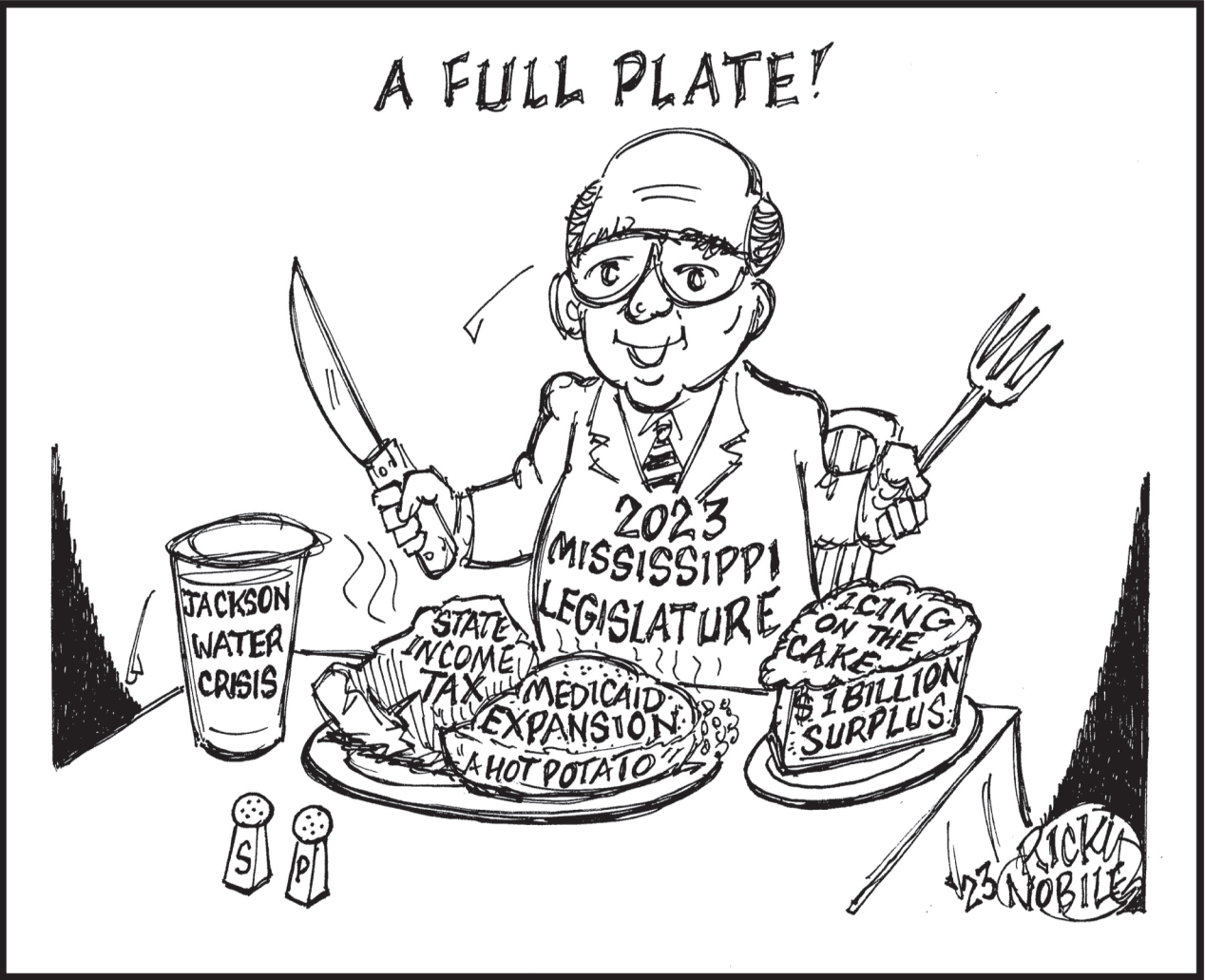
Simon was a successful entrepreneur or businessman who owned a schooner with a crew of around seven experienced seamen who were probably black slaves. Simon owned several



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pieces of land and was a land speculator. He raised cattle on his land and operated a cotton gin in Pearlington. He probably grew some cotton on his plantation, but evolved as an important

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‘For the People’

Guest Column
By Bruce Campbell
of Waveland

The late cowboy humorist Will Rogers famously said: “I don’t belong to an organized political party. I am a Democrat.”

A lot of folks would say that little has changed with respect to that statement since the 1930s. The composition of the major parties may have changed – has changed radically. But the gist of the quip remains largely the same: the Democratic Party is still wildly heterogeneous and somewhat disorganized.

There are those who march under the banner of conservatives, but are in truth anything but, who are convinced that Democrats are all evil socialists who want to put the entire nation under some sort of communist bondage. They declare that all Democrats are ANTIFA radicals or upper-class elitists. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Democrats in South Mississippi are your neighbors. You may not know it because we have been so demonized that many won’t advertise their political inclinations. But you chat with us in Walmart, sing with us in church, work with us, hunt and fish with us. Because Democrats are normal people. They are your grocer, your mechanic, your contractor, your checkout clerk. That is not to say that Republicans are any different. Mississippians, in general and without regard to politics, are generous and friendly to a fault.

Certainly there are radical leftists who might identify to some extent with the Democrats. But they are few and far between. Far fewer than the right-wing radicals who preach racist doctrines and idolize any number of past or present dictators or would-be dictators.

Historically the Democratic Party, at least for most of the last century, has been the party of the

people. Franklin Roosevelt pulled the nation, sometimes kicking and screaming, out of the Great Depression and instituted lasting reforms such as bank oversight, labor laws and Social Security. The Democrats championed public education for all regardless of ability or disability. They backed the unions, which were largely responsible for the 40-hour work week, vacation time and sick leave as well as living wages. The Democrats were behind Medicare and Medicaid. And the Lyndon Johnson administration was largely responsible for most of the civil rights legislation of the last 70 years.

More recently, despite stonewall opposition, the party has spearheaded legislation that pulled us through the worst of the pandemic, both medically and economically; made real headway in combatting and adapting to climate change; capped some crucial drug prices; guaranteed our superiority into the

future in the computer chip industry; secured the rights of all people to wed; clarified the electoral process; and continued our support for Ukrainian freedom and independence.

There is a lot to be done yet. Pandemic-induced Inflation is coming down, albeit slowly. But the economy is strong – much stronger than those of our industrial counterparts. Immigration is at or near a crisis point and both parties, to more or lesser extents, have kicked that can down the road for decades. And we still face political and social divisions exacerbated by lies about past elections. Making further progress will be difficult given an opposition U.S. House with a sizeable core of radical election deniers, QAnon acolytes and just plain obstructionists. But I have to believe that there are enough Republicans still who will put state and country over party when it comes to a vote.

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Arrest Record

Arrests logged at the hancock county justice facility from the past week. appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF.

Robert J. Sciacca, 53, DUI 1st offense; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
William J. Karkowski, 36, shoplifting x 2
Lashell R. Lightell, 46, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Adrian J. Hutchison, 42, disturbing the peace
Scott W. Vanbergen II, 34, shoplifting; felony possession of controlled substance
Jamaal S. Terry, 43, simple domestic violence simple assault; probation violation
Shane A. Yates, 35, disorderly conduct
Joseph W. Sims, 37, malicious mischief; probation violation
Ryan J. Stephens, 45, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Jeffrey A. Hoda, 31, contempt of court failure to appear
Jacob W. McTaggart, 46, knowing violation of protection order, consent agreement, or bond con-

dition or criminal sexual assault protection order; parole violation; knowingly violation of protection order
Brandon T. Monroe, 44, probation violation
Kimberly B. Hodge, 28, shoplifting
Dakota L. Peterson, 19, contempt of court failure to appear (bench warrant)
Vanessa L. Bennett, 49, contempt failure to appear; trespassing
Lodge W. Ladner, 45, parole violation
Nicholas J. Melancon, 42, malicious mischief
Carl D. Necaise, 72, contempt failure to appear
Dana E. Nuccio, 30, no proof-of-liability insurance; possession of paraphernalia; tag-none, expired, improperly mounted, covering or mounted; seat belt violation; felony possession of controlled substance
Michelle L. Rogers, 28, contempt failure to appear
Jennifer D. Parfait, 42, contempt failure to appear x 2; credit card: fraudulent use w/Internet to obtain money, etc., hold for other agency
Justin C. Fucich, 39, burglary; contempt fail-

ure to appear; trespass; hold MDOC
Kelvin D. Chiles, 43, DUI 1st offense; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or posses with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense; parole violation
Albert D. Biehl IV, 47, felony possession of controlled substance
Daniel J. Boyer, 44, receiving stolen property x 2; contempt failure to appear
Marc J. Monica, 48, disturbance of family
Jody R. Morse Jr., 33, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Rodney E. Bennett, 58, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
Harry Duplessis, 49, suspended license; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle
Renee M. Lebourgeois, 47, careless driving; driving on wrong side of road; DUI 1st offense; fail to signal; motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest; speeding
Skyler J. Vincent, 33, shoplifting
Kenny C. Vinson, 46,

shoplifting
Taylor Nunmaker, 28, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Chase A. Bivins, 41, DUI
Devin A. Delle, 22, simple domestic violence simple assault
Alfred Taylor III, 69, simple assault
Courtney T. Alexander, 40, probation violation
Adam J. Lott, 40, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
Cassie A. Clement, 37, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense
Joanne Mitchell, 55, DUI 1st offense
William A. Knipe, 37, possession of paraphernalia; motor vehicle: punishment for violations where no specific penalty provided
Joshua N. Smith, 30, possession of paraphernalia; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance

Hancock County Food Pantry seeking volunteers



Photo submitted

The Hancock Food Pantry needs additional volunteers to help provide free food to so many low income Hancock County families. The Food Pantry is currently open two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday. Volunteers would work from 8:30 am to 12 noon. Some of the work is somewhat physical such as putting bags of food into grocery carts and placing the grocery bags into the clients cars. It may be physical, but also very gratifying. If you can help even one day a month please call the Food Pantry’s Volunteer Coordinator Peg Walton at 228-586-6288 and if there is no answer, please leave a message.

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our 20th Anniversary, we decided to celebrate every month with classes, workshops, exhibits, and demonstrations in different mediums. January will focus on drawing

and bookmaking but we will also have a variety of other activities. Watch this space for more information on the Arts Center, special exhibits, and ways you

might want to get involved. More information is available on our website, hancockarts.org

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middle man for the cotton supply chain produced on plantations upriver. After ginning, the cotton would be sold in New Orleans. At the site of the future town of Napoleon he had a store. After his death in 1813 his estate recorded fifty-six slaves, 225 head of cattle, fifty horses, one schooner, and 5000 acres of land, for total assets of \$20,000. Indeed, Simon was described at the time as an educated planter with a diversified portfolio who conducted business all along the coast from New Orleans to Mobile in the first decade of the Nineteenth Century

Simon married Celeste Rochon (1777-1840) in 1801 in Mobile and they moved to Pearlington in 1804. They had six children. Simon reputedly had seven other children from three previous mistresses. The strategic location of the East Pearl River as the boundary of the USA (after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803) and Spanish West Florida gave Simon control of the inland communication between these two local governments. He was more than an interpreter, but an intermediary. The Spanish government made Simon Commandant of the Pearl River area, instrumental in the assignment of land grants. After the United States annexed West Florida, Simon switched allegiance

seamlessly from Spain to the United States. Consequently, Dr. William Flood, on behalf of Governor William Claiborne, made Simon Justice of the Peace for the Pearl River Valley. Simon was described in Flood’s report “as a planter, owns a large stock, and is an educated and very respectable man.” Simon died in 1813. In present day Hancock County there are many inhabitants with the surname Favre. One very famous and beloved direct descendant of Simon is Brett Favre. Brett was the great quarterback of the Green Bay Packers that was recently inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 2016.

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Obituaries

BETTY J. RODDY FITCH

CONNIE STRIEF GARCIA

JAMES ARTHUR NIEMEYER

Betty J. Roddy Fitch

Betty J. Roddy Fitch, 87, of Slidell, Louisiana, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2022. Mrs. Fitch was born April 15, 1935 in Galvez, Louisiana. She was a homemaker. She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Mary Roddy; her first husband, Tracy McCrory; her second husband, Robert Fitch, Jr.; one son, Michael Wayne McCrory; and one sister, Joyce Bearden. Family members include two

children, Terry McCrory (Rose), Susan Bassett (Arthur “Butch”); Raymond Waltman, R.J. Waltman, Tony Waltman, Butch Bassett, III; great grandchildren, Parker Waltman, Dalton Waltman, Ray Waltman, Jr., Locke Waltman, Anthony Lisotta, Shelbie Harvie; one great-great grandson, Silas Garcia. Funeral services were held at Picayune Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Burial followed at New Palestine Cemetery. Visitation was held one



hour prior to the service. The family would like to thank Michelle, Moe, Paula, Tyler, Christine, Dan, Susie, and Mike for being so good, kind, and loving to our Mother. God Bless you all!

Connie Strief Garcia

Connie Strief Garcia, age 58 of Lakeshore, MS, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her mother Ella Strief, sister Yvonne “Jeannie” Strief, and granddaughter Elleigh LaFontaine.

Connie is survived by her husband of 36 years, Mark Garcia; children Shayna Garcia (Carlos) of Waveland and Hunter Garcia of Lakeshore; siblings Greg Strief (Balinda) of Dedeaux and April Fucich (Wayne) of Lakeshore; grandchildren Alivia LaFontaine, Amelia LaFontaine, and Ella Peña.

She was a native of Kiln, MS where she graduated from Hancock North Central, class of 1982. She worked at Kmart for 19 years, but then found her real passion as an employee of Hancock Whitney Bank for 23 years. During her years at Hancock Bank,

she advanced to the position of manager of the Kiln branch in Kiln, MS. Connie loved her customers, and they loved her just as much if not more.

If you knew Connie, then you knew her love for the New Orleans Saints. She was a die hard fan and season ticket holder who loved her Sunday football at the Superdome. She loved to shop and take weekend girl trips with her sister, who was her very best friend, and her cousins. She also enjoyed sewing blankets and clothes for the children of her family. Among all of the things she liked, she loved making memories with her grandchildren, also known as “her girls” the most.

Connie was a devoted wife and mother. She adored her children and was so proud of them. She loved to cook Sunday dinners and boy was she good at it. Christmas was her favorite time of the year because she loved baking cookies



with her kids and grandchildren, cooking gumbo with her husband, and most of all, spending time with her family.

Visitation was held on Monday, January 2, 2022, from 1 - 2 pm at St. Ann’s Catholic Church, 5858 Lower Bay Road, Bay St. Louis, MS. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 pm in the church. Entombment will be in Lakeshore Cemetery.

Her family would like to thank everyone for the love and support for Connie.

Riemann Family Funeral Home, 141 Hwy 90, Waveland is serving the family.

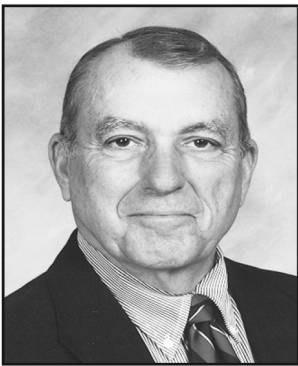
James Arthur Niemeyer

James Arthur Niemeyer, 84, entered into eternal peace and rest on December 29, 2022 with his children by his side. The family will receive guests on Saturday, January 7, 2023 from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM with funeral service beginning at 11:00 AM at Christ Episcopal Church, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. James was born September 8, 1938, in St. Louis, Missouri, son of the late Ralph Charles Niemeyer and Virginia Risser Niemeyer. James, more often known as Jim and then later in life as ‘Cappy’, as his granddaughters affectionately dubbed him, was a dreamer from an early age. He was ever drawn to a life on or near the water. Jim loved boating and fishing, having grown up yachting on the upper Mississippi River with his family on their Chris Craft cabin cruiser, the “Nancy Lee”, named after his sister. After serving as an officer in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1962, in 1967 he moved to New Orleans with his wife, Janet Elliott Niemeyer, to further his career in the marine insurance industry. In the 1970’s, he co-founded the insurance firm, Underwriters Marine Services, which he successfully operated for years. In the 1980’s, Jim channeled his entrepreneurial spirit with wife Jan and son Kirk in the ambitious startup company, Niemeyer Printing. Jim was an original officer

of the Algiers Economic Development Foundation and an active member of Rotary Club.

While tugs and barges occupied much of his career, yachting was his personal passion. His interests were as diverse as the boats he spent time on reflected: from a luxury trawler yacht named the CayJan, after his wife Janet, cruising with family in the British Virgin Islands, to backwater bay boats actively fishing the marshes of Southeast Louisiana, to a classic Columbia 38 sailboat, and finally taking up full time residence on a Gibson houseboat he christened, Beachcomber, in Gulf Breeze, Florida. In 1997, Jim set off on a great solo sailing adventure, single-handedly sailing 7,000 miles from New Orleans to southern Florida, up the eastern seaboard, and then throughout the Bahamas over the course of a few years. Once aboard his boat, Jim never wanted to live on land again. He eventually earned his USCG 100 ton master captain license and began working in commercial assistance towing and pleasure charter boating.

As a young man, Jim loved singing in the quartet named The Juniors and performing in the Black Knights Drum and Bugle Corps as a trumpet player in Belleville, Illinois. Always an animal lover, Jim had several wonderful cats over the years. He was a strong Christian who faithfully served his churches in many ways over the years as an el-



der, a Sunday school teacher, a men’s morning bible study member, and a leader in Stephen’s Ministries which mentored men. He enjoyed also volunteering at The Good Samaritan Clinic in Gulf Breeze. Jim is preceded in death by nine days by his only sibling, Nancy Lee Niemeyer Stone of Isle of Palms, South Carolina. He is survived by his three children, Kirk Evan Niemeyer of New Orleans, Scott Arthur Niemeyer of New Orleans, and Susan Niemeyer Gelpi (Gus) of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, all of whom he was immensely proud. His four granddaughters, Olivia Louise, Isabelle Marie, Marguerite Claire, and Julia Yvonne Gelpi were his later years’ greatest joy and with whom he never missed a chance to share his time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Good Samaritan Clinic, 4435 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563.

Riemann Family Funeral Home, 141 Highway 90, Waveland, MS, is serving the family.

Please visit www.riemannfamily.com where photos and memories can be shared.

MDMR Marine Information Calendars available coastwide

SEA COAST ECHO

The agency held a photo contest earlier this year, and those chosen are featured each month and on the cover, as well as on collage pages in the calendar.

The winners of the photo contest are: Cover, Bea Hammond; January, William Lee; February, Jarred Mitchell; March, Tim Isbell; April, Amanda Phillips; May, Lucky Bui; June, Jeff Baldock; July, Roger Apperley; August, Miles Barras; September, Cruz Vargas; October, Joan McCool; November, Courtney Walker; December, Sylvia Anderson.

This year’s calendar features the offices and programs that MDMR administers to protect those coastal resources. The free calendar also contains such information as tide data, sunrise and sunset times, moon

phases, artificial reef coordinates, size and possession limits for fish, boating safety requirements and Mississippi saltwater fish records.

The calendars will be available at the following locations while supplies last. Calendars will also be available at Coast bait shops.

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Long Beach:
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clude widening the overpass, adding three roundabouts and it will eliminate the current daily closure of the left lane of the entrance ramp to prevent traffic backup on the interstate.”

“This grant funding will have a lasting effect for the people and businesses all along the Gulf Coast that rely on I-10 every day,” Sen. Roger Wicker said in a public statement. “Widening I-10 from four to six lanes will help to remove a major bottleneck and reduce delays, while additional improvements along the route will help keep all drivers safer.”

The area of highway to be widened includes the Menge Avenue exit, where Buc-ee’s Travel Center is scheduled to be built later this year.

The Gulf Regional Planning Commission determined in a 2018 traffic count study that approximately 48,000 cars per day pass the Menge Avenue exit.

Last month, Buc-ee’s parent corporation got a permit from MDOT to widen the Menge Avenue overpass from two lanes to five and build a roundabout.

The MEGA grant for the I-10 project will be administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

“Thank you MDOT, Mississippi federal and state leaders for making these very important project possible,” Depreo said.

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collector

Homestead Exemption Applications Accepted

Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from **January 3, 2023 through March 31, 2023**, office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2023** to qualify for homestead exemption. The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

A) Warranty deed

B) Cost of property

C) Down payment amount

D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County.

(All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock County.)

E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required

F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required

G) Is any part of the property rented

You must re-file your homestead exemption application if

A) You became over 65 on or before **January 1, 2023**

B) You became 100% disabled service Connected veteran on or before **January 1, 2023**

C) You acquired a new residence

D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead

E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

If you have any questions please call

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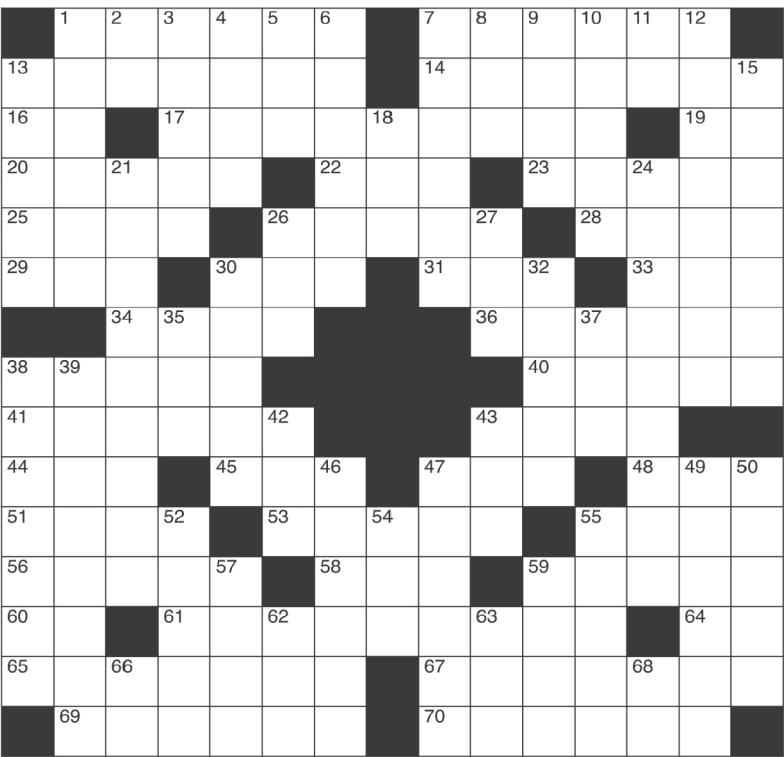
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Eurasian shrubs

7. Strikes and rebounds

13. Group of advisers

14. Modern necessity

16. Top lawyer in the land

17. Philadelphia university

19. Of I

20. Functions as a laser

22. Basketball phenomenon Jeremy

23. Famed island

25. Parent-teacher groups

26. Distributes

28. Self-immolation by fire ritual

29. Ad __

30. Circulation problem (abbr.)

31. Brother or sister

33. A famous “Squad”

34. Stage actor Anthony

36. Violent seizure of property

38. Saclike cavities

40. Sound units
41. Counts on

43. Dad

44. Woman (French)

45. A digital tape recording of sound

47. Polish Baltic peninsula

48. Recipe measurement

51. Requests out of dire need

53. Precious stone weight unit

55. The immaterial part of a person

56. Anoint

58. Golf score

59. Supernatural

60. Northwest Territories

61. Can be made suitable

64. A professor’s helper

65. Having a toothlike edge

67. Got atop a horse

69. Judged

70. Static balance between opposing forces

1. On a dartboard, what number is directly opposite No. 1?

2. What is Cynophobia the fear of?

3. Which Italian automobile manufacturer gained majority control of U.S. automobile manufacturer Chrysler in 2011?

4. The films The King's Speech and The English Patient feature which English actor?

5. Who penned the words, 'Hubble, bubble toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble'?

CLUES DOWN

1. Flowing

2. Computer department

3. Lasts

4. DiFranco and Samsonyan are two

5. __ de sac

6. Merchant

7. Hosts film festival

8. State of agitation of fuss

9. A way to praise

10. Opaque gems

11. McKinley is one

12. Smallest interval in classical Western music

13. Famed designer Lauren

15. Occupies

18. Small island (British)

21. Misuse of the sacred

24. Covers with a thin sheet

26. Most valuable player

27. Title of respect
30. Investigated discreetly

32. Belonging to the bottom layer

35. Black tropical American cuckoo

37. Music genre

38. Indicates one is in mourning

39. Secured forever

42. Bodily cavity

43. A dog is one

46. Chose to do something

47. Annoy persistently

49. Large hotel rooms

50. Beg

52. Docket

54. Subway dwelling rodent

55. Sources

57. Mild Dutch cheese

59. Spanish city

62. Consumed

63. Ballplayer’s tool

66. Midway between north and east

68. Atomic #3

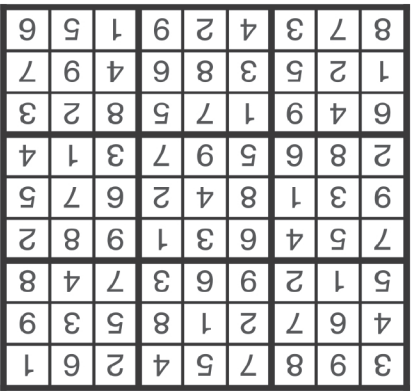
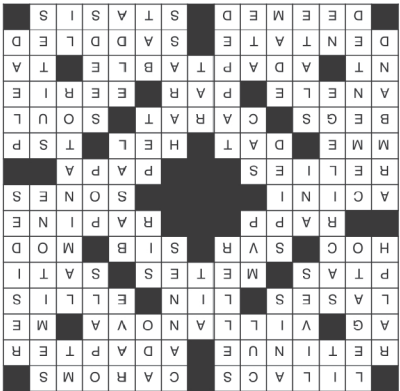
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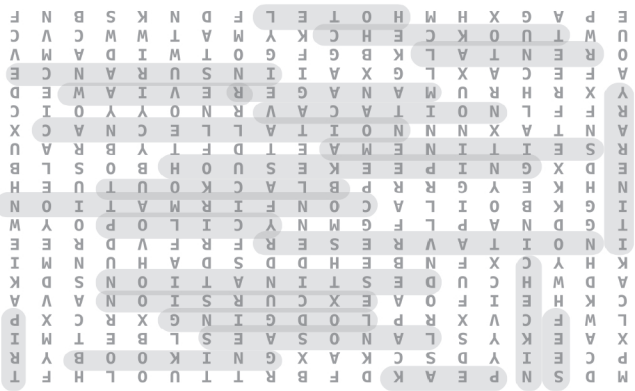
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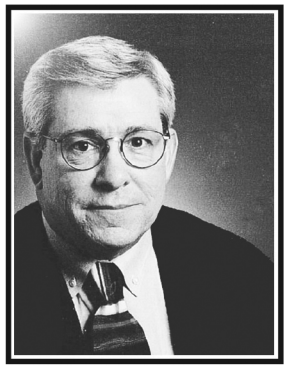
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Devotional Page

“Returning and Rest”

By **REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN**



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In the 30th chapter of Isaiah from the Hebrew Scriptures there is a profound moment of truth which, although from an ancient time, continues to offer deep wisdom. The text declares:

In returning and rest you

shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)

These words originated amid an on-going conflict with a hostile population. The temptation of the people then, and it often is today, was to contend with them. The prophet pointed them to a different and better way with his calming guidance.

In our own time the circumstances and culture are very different. Civilization has developed, and our understanding of personal and community interaction has evolved considerably. The one thing which has remained somewhat constant is human nature. We still are prone to conflict with those

around us whose values and behavior are contrary to our own. It is only necessary to look around the world, or even in our own communities, to find examples of strife and discord. Hostility and painful exchanges are all too real in our modern 21st Century world.

In addition to physical and verbal altercations, many of us live under the pressure of over-achieving. In its original connotation the term “workaholic” was a negative concept. It indicated an imbalance of proper priorities, and an unhealthy relationship between work and life. Today, it is too often viewed as a positive quality indicating a willingness to do whatever

it takes to achieve a desired result. Doing more, getting more, spending more, and having more seem to be the operative values of many in our society.

It is possible that the ancient prophet gave the best counsel many centuries ago. Returning and rest, quietness and trust, offer our best hope for salvation and strength. This is no call for laziness or lack of interest. Engagement, and concern for important work, is an essential part of life. It is also true that there is a need for balance. We are at our best, and we contribute most, when we come to understand that meaningful life is found in the union of effort, trust, and a deep spiritu-

ality which nurtures the soul.

This is the beginning of a new year. In a sense it is nothing more than numbers on a calendar. It does represent an opportunity to make a new start. New Year’s resolutions are often the brunt of jokes, mostly about how easy they are to break. Of course, the real truth is that we can always make changes in our lives. The questions have to do with what we feel we need, how much we need it, and whether we are willing to make the effort to adjust priorities to find a better path. Sometimes returning to rest and quiet trust can make a positive difference.

Happy New Year!

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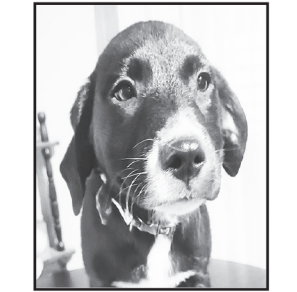
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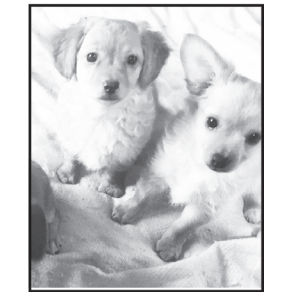
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AMBER MUSSER, PETITIONER
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of Robert Eugene Luck, Jr., deceased whose place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry. You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Amber Musser, Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of Robert Eugene Luck, Jr., deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of Robert Eugene Luck, Jr.. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 24th day of January, 2023, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire.
ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 13th day of December, 2022.
Tim Kellar,
Hancock County Chancery Clerk
s/Cassie Tribble, D.C.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARK DUANE THOMPSON
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:22-CV-653 JP
BY: THOMAS N. THOMPSON ADMINISTRATOR
RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARK DUANE THOMPSON
You have been made a Defendant in a suit filed in this court by Thomas N. Thompson initiating a civil action alleging that he is the sole and only heir-at-law of Mark Duane Thompson and Seeking an Adjudication of Such Heirship. You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint filed against you in this action at 9:00 O'clock A.M. on the 2nd day of February, 2023, at the Harrison County Chancery Court located at 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 13th day of December, 2022.
Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: CASSIE TRIBBLE
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration having been granted on the 13th day of December, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned upon the Estate of Mark Duane Thompson, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
This the 13th day of December, 2022.
s/ Thomas N. Thompson
THOMAS N. THOMPSON, Administrator
s/ Clement S. Benvenutti
CLEMENT S. BENVENUTTI Attorney for Administrator

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
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COUNTY OF Hancock
WHEREAS, on the 26th day of February, 2020, Robert Meresicky and Julie Meresicky, Husband and Wife, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Scott Everett, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Everett Financial, Inc. D/B/A Supreme Lending, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2020 at Page 5346; and
WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of November, 2020, the Holder of said Deed of Trust filed a Loan Modification Agreement of Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk of Court in Deed of Trust Book 2020 at Page 28344; and
WHEREAS, on the 31st day of July, 2020, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as Beneficiary, as nominee for Everett Financial, Inc. D/B/A Supreme Lending, assigned said Deed of Trust unto PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2020 at Page 18835; and
WHEREAS, on the 7th day of October, 2022 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2022 at Page 29885; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 18th day of January, 2023, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
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WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this 14th day of December, 2022.
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN BRUMFIELD, DECEASED
CAUSE NO: 23CH1:22-cv-00630-JS
TRAVIS WERTH, PETITIONER
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 16th day of December, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Karen Brumfield, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
THIS 21st day of December, 2022.
s/TRAVIS WERTH
PUBLISH: December 21, 2022, December 28, 2022, and January 4, 2023

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on April 29, 2019, Cody Phillip Ladner and Kaitlin Elizabeth Jewell as joint tenants

with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common, executed a certain deed of trust to William Lee Guice, III, Trustee for the benefit of Keesler Federal Credit Union, which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 2019 Page 9099; and
WHEREAS, Keesler Federal Credit Union has heretofore substituted Kent D. McPhail as Trustee by instrument dated December 20, 2022 in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2022 at Page 35057; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Keesler Federal Credit Union, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent D. McPhail, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on February 01, 2023 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the Front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, located at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
That certain tract, piece, or parcel of land being situated in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows; to-wit;
Commence at the found 1/2 inch iron pipe marking the Northwest corner of Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 18 seconds East along the North boundary of said Section 35, a distance of 231.93 feet to a set 1/2 inch re-bar on the Eastern right-of way of Bayou Bacon Road for the true Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 18 seconds East along the North boundary of said Section 35, a distance of 919.02 feet to a set 1/2 inch re-bar; thence South 55 degrees 16 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 734.63 feet to a set 1/2 inch re-bar on the Northern right-of way of Bayou Bacon Road; thence around a curve to the right along the Eastern right-of way of said Bayou Bacon Road through an arc a distance of 525.23 feet, a chord bearing of North 37 degrees 12 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 521.15 feet to the Point of Beginning. The property contains 4.62 acres more or less, and is a part of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 35.
I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 21st day of December, 2022
Kent D. McPhail SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
Kent McPhail & Associates, LLC
126 Government Street
Mobile, AL 36602 (251) 438-2333
Publication Dates: 01/04/2023, 01/11/2023, 01/18/2023 and 1/25/2023

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on the September 16, 2016, Gary D Cooper, Sr, executed a Deed of Trust to Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust September 19, 2016, in Book No. 2016, at Page 20222 thereof;
WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in October 6, 2022, Document No. 2022-29297 thereof; and
WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Wilson & Associates, PLLC, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in December 7, 2022, in Book No. 2022, at Page 33871 thereof; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the

conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that Wilson & Associates, PLLC f/k/a Adams & Edens, P.A., Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, on January 18, 2023, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:
Lot 159, Silver Creek Acres, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in the aforementioned Substitute Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 12th day of December, 2022.
Sincerely,
s/ Jillian Wilson,
WILSON & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
PREPARED BY:
Wilson & Associates, PLLC
400 West Capitol Avenue
Suite 1400
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501)219-9388
File # 354271
PUBLICATION DATES: December 28, 2022, January 4, 2023, January 11, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN NELSON, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:22-cv-650-MA; SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF PATRICIA ANN NELSON, DECEASED, WHO ARE UNKNOWN AFTER A DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY.
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 20th day of December, 2022, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executrix upon the ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN NELSON, deceased, notice is hereby given to any and all persons or corporate entities having claims of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 20th day of December, 2022.
Signed: Hon. Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County By: Bridgette Ladner
Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Attorney at Law, MS Bar No. 104994
303 Reese Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, 228-323-3330 Tel.
Publication Dates: 12/28/2022, 01/04/2023, 01/11/2023

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the

THANK YOU for reading

KEITH CLARK
Marketing Representative
Cell: 402.203.2644
Keith@SeaCoastEcho.com

City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525, until 10:00 am, local time, on the day of Thursday, February 2, 2023 and shall cause the bids received to be publicly opened and the bid amount read aloud for the following project:
DIAMONDHEAD DR. EAST RETENTION (MILLER) POND & LILY POND DREDGING CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI
PICKERING FIRM, INC. PROJECT NO. 26024.00
RFP No. 2022-007

The Work included in the Contract shall consist primarily of the following approximate items:
At two separate locations: Clearing & Grubbing 5,415 square yards (SY) with debris haul off, Dredging 18,779 cubic yards (CY), 8,158 (CY) of which to be spoiled on site with the remainder (10,621 CY), to be removed from site, and bank stabilization using 3,750 SY of Erosion Control Blanket with 0.95 Acres of Seeding, Sprigging, and Mulching. All of this work will be performed using best management practices for stormwater pollution prevention and environmental protection measures.

Copies of the contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge at the following locations:
Pickering Firm, Inc.

126 Rue Magnolia
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530
City of Diamondhead
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
www.diamondheadbids.com (log-in/registration required)
Plans and specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.diamondheadbids.com. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House at 228-248-0181. No partial sets of drawings of project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within these contract documents furnished by the Engineer for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, noted in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted shall be in letter form in a sealed envelope and outside of envelope shall be marked plainly RFP# No. 2022-006 Diamondhead Dr. East Retention Pond & Lily Pond Dredging and shall be addressed to Jeannie Klein, City Clerk, City of Diamondhead at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 or for those interested, bids can be electronically submitted at www.diamondheadbids.com under the project page. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals will be considered. Each bidder shall write his Name, his Address, and his Certificate of Responsibility number/or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal. If submitting electronically, please include this information on a cover page with your bid submission. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed to Pickering Firm, Inc. to Cara Wagner 228-432-5925 or email cwagner@pickeringfirm.com. An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal. The maximum allowable number of consecutive calendar days for the completion of Work (the Contract Time) is set forth in the Bid Proposal and will be included in the executed Agreement. The project will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) per consecutive calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin when the Contractor commences work on this project but no later than the tenth consecutive calendar day after receipt of a notice to proceed from the Owner.

The City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his Base Bid, payable to the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, as bid security. In the event that an electronic bid is submitted, a copy of the bid bond must be included with the submission. If submitting electronically, a hard copy of all bid documents must be provided within 3 business days if requested after the bid opening. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid.

Published by order of the Diamondhead City Council.
Jeannie Klein, City Clerk
City of Diamondhead
PROOF OF PUBLICATION:
Publication Dates : January 4, 2023, January 11, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEWELL SEXTON, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:22-cv-00647-CB
MAX BREKENFELD PETITIONER
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the Estate of Patricia Jewell Sexton, Deceased, on the 29th day of December, 2022, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said Estate to have their claims probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first date of publication of this notice, and that failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim.
This the 29th day of December, 2022.

/s/MAX BREKENFELD, Administrator of the Estate of PATRICIA JEWELL SEXTON, Deceased
JOE SAM OWEN (Bar No. 3965)
OWEN and OWEN, PLL.C.
1414 25TH AVENUE
OWEN BUILDING
POST OFFICE DRAWER 420
GULFPORT, MS 39502-0420
TEL: (228) 868-2821
FAX: (228) 868-2813
Email: jso@owen-owen.com
Publish: January 4th, 11th and 18th, 2023

CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP2023-002
CITY DEPOSITORY BANKING SERVICES
The City of Diamondhead is requesting sealed proposals for City Depository Banking Services. The proposal should comply with the minimum specifications as outlined in the proposal package that may be obtained from the City Clerk, City of Diamondhead 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead MS 39525, by email request to jklein@diamondhead.ms.gov or by calling 228-222-4626, Ext. 1800. Sealed proposals must be sealed and marked “2023-002 Depository Services” and may be hand delivered or mailed to the City Clerk at the above address and MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at which time submitting financial institutions will be named and proposals will be taken under advisement for review. Faxed or emailed proposals will not be accepted.
Publish Dates:
Wednesday, January 4, 2023,
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

NOTICED IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
THIS IS ALSO NOTIFICATION THAT THE PLANING AND ZONING COMMISSION IS A RECOMMENDING COMMISSION ONLY. THE WAVELAND BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2023 AT 6:30 PM.

Note: All Meetings are being held in-person in the Mayor and Board of Alderman Board Room located on the 1st Floor of City Hall, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39676.

Mark Lambert, owner of the property commonly known as 226 S. Beach Blvd., parcel #161M-0-11-098.000, has made an application for a variance of five (5) feet from the right-side property line in order to construct a new primary structure. This will make the right side-yard ten (10) feet instead of the required fifteen (15) feet as stated in Zoning Ord. #349.
Brent Morreale, owner of the property commonly known as 1801 Arnold St., parcel #137N-0-35-063.001, has made an application for a variance to split his lot into two (2) lots. This property is currently zoned R-2, Single & Multi-Family Use. Parcel 1, to be addressed as 1801 Arnold St., and Parcel 2, to be addressed as 1803 Arnold St., will both need a 5,000 square feet area variance in order to build a duplex on each parcel. The area required is 7,500 square feet per unit as stated in Zoning Ord. #349.
Joseph Rotolo, owner of the property commonly known as 701 View St., parcel #162K-0-10-162.000, has made an application for a conditional use in order to construct an accessory structure over 500 square feet as stated in Zoning Ord. #349. The proposed accessory structure will be 900 square feet in size. The applicant has also made a request for a one (1) foot variance on the height of the accessory structure. The proposed accessory structure will be sixteen (16) feet measured to the mean roof height instead of

the fifteen (15) feet limit as stated in Zoning Ord. #349.
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, YOU MAY CONTACT JEANNE CONRAD, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, AT 228-220-3335 OR JCONRAD@WAVELAND-MS.GOV.
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE AND MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTIONS OR LETTERS IN FAVOR OF APPLICATIONS BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 BY NOON.
PUBLISH DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS
Clyde Holzbauer has filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance (Article 4.19) to allow an addition to the existing carport 5' from the west side yard property lines. The property address is 7722 Mamalu Place. The tax parcel number is 067K-2-36-045.000. The property is in a R-2 zoning district. The side yard setbacks are 10'. The variance requested is 5'. The Case File Number is 202200555.
In accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Article 2.6.4, the Planning Commission may recommend to the Mayor and City Council a variance be granted as the variance was applied for or in a modified form or subject to conditions or the application may be denied. A variance may be revocable, may be granted for a limited time, or may be granted subject to conditions as the Planning Commission or Mayor and City Council may prescribe.
The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.
If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact the Building Department at the above address and/or at 228-222-4626.
PUBLISH DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS
The City of Diamondhead will hold a public hearing on a proposed Text Amendment to the Sign Ordinance (10.10.4). The Case File Number is 202200581. The proposed text is to allow the option for commercial businesses impacted by MDOT's Exit 16 improvements to either replace signage per updated sign ordinance, relocated existing signage or replace signage with signage similar to existing.
In accordance with Article 2.8.2, the City Council shall have jurisdiction with respect to all Text Amendments and Rezoning. The Planning Commission shall review and submit a recommendation to the City Council on Text Amendments and Rezoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. This meeting will also be live streamed for your convenience.
If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact the Building Department at the above address and/or at 228-222-4626.
PUBLISH DATE: JANUARY 4, 2023

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
WHEREAS, on April 28, 2000, Judith C. Brooks and Tommy B. Brooks executed a certain deed of trust to Perre M. Cabell, Trustee for the use and benefit of Premier Funding, a Mississippi Corporation which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, County of Mississippi, on May 3, 2000, in Book 589, Page 866.
WHEREAS, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-2, the current holder and/or assignee, substituted Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. as Trustee by instrument recorded in the Chancery Clerk's Office on November 29, 2022 in Book 2022, in Page 33198; and
WHEREAS, Default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-2, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust, will on January 18, 2023

offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:
Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 65, Fourth Ward, City of Waveland, and run South 0 degree 34' east along the Western right-of-way of St. Joseph Street for 217 feet to an iron marking the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning run South 89° 25' west 675.83 feet to a point; thence run South 169 feet to a point; thence run North 89° 25' East 677.51 feet to an iron on the western right-of-way of St. Joseph Street; thence run North 0° 34' West along said right-of-way to the point of beginning. Said land being part of Lot 64 and part of Lot 65, Fourth Ward, City of Waveland, and a part of the NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 3, Township 9 South, Range 14 West, lying West thereof Lot 64 and 65, Hancock County, Mississippi, which has a municipal Address of 525 St. Joseph St. Waveland, MS 39576.
More commonly known as: 525 Saint Joseph St, Waveland, MS 39576

I will convey only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
Substituted Trustee
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
244 Inverness Center Drive
Suite 200
Birmingham, AL 35242
(801) 355-2886
Publication dates: 12/21/22, 12/28/22, 01/04/23, 01/11/23

New recruits answer the call



Jeremy Stockstill

SEA COAST ECHO

Firefighter Jeremy L. Stockstill of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department is making a difference and has graduated Class 200 from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 Firefighter I-II course held at the Mississippi State Fire Academy in Jackson, MS.

This intense seven-week course includes online, classroom, and hands-on instruction in the areas of fire behavior, fire suppression, rescue, incident command, hazardous materials, and other fire related topics. This course meets and exceeds the National Fire Protection Association for Firefighter Qualifications and the uniform minimum training standards stated in the Mississippi Code section 45-11-7.

The Mississippi State Fire Academy is a division of the Mississippi Insurance Department. State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney and Academy Executive Director Terry Wages conclude that firefighters, through their newly acquired skills and knowledge, will be an asset to the fire departments they represent. “We are excited to introduce our newest group of certified MS Firefighters. that will be tasked with protecting our communities all across our great state.” said Director Wages.

The Community CALENDAR



JANUARY 12

• The Bay-Waveland Garden Club welcomes its members and visitors to its meeting at Johnson Hall at Christ Episcopal Church located at 912 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and camaraderie with the meeting at 10 a.m. The speaker is Pat Drackett from the Crosby Arobretum with information and current events concerning the trees of MS. Check out our Facebook page and email baywavelandgarden@gmail.com. We are a 501(c)3 organization and welcome donations and new members. Organized in 1938, we are members of the Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. Spanish Trail District. We are proud to announce that our Christmas tree at the Bay Library won the Gingerbread Award for best homemade ornaments, flowers of course!

JANUARY 14

• Come meet the 2023 Captain Longbeard, Lady Claiborne, and their Honor Guard at Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse’s “Mutiny in the Bay” pirate party from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall, located at 301 Blaize Ave. Adults only community event, heavy hors d’oeuvres, music, and a cash bar. Pirate attire encouraged. For tickets, visit www.mkotsh.com and follow MKOTSH on Facebook.

JANUARY 16

• Food drive for the Hancock County Food Pantry as a service project

honoring Martin Luther King Jr., sponsored by the H.C. Federation of Democratic Women. Donations of non-perishables can be dropped off at the Democrats office in Froegel’s Market Plaza on Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

JANUARY 19

• The Hancock County Historical Society luncheon will begin at noon. The featured speaker is Pat Murphy who will talk about growing up in the Bay in 1950s, ’60’s, and ’70’s. His soon to be published book “Growing up Downtown” will expound on his fond memories of life here in the Bay. Everyone is welcome to attend. Make reservations by noon on Wednesday, Jan. 18 by calling 228-467-4090. Members pay \$15 and guests pay \$17. It is also time to renew membership and be a part of our history family. The location is the Kate Lobrano house, located at 108 Cue St. in Bay St. Louis.

Disclaimer: Events featured on the calendar page are printed at no charge and space permitting. Please keep submissions limited to about 100 words or less. Submissions are limited to community, educational, churches and non-profit organizations. Please submit your calendar entries electronically to cassandra@seacoastecho.com.

NASA’s Stennis Space Center Completes Year of Testing and Site Activity

SEA COAST ECHO

A flurry of activity happened within and beyond the gates of NASA’s Stennis Space Center in 2022 as NASA continues exploring the secrets of the universe for the benefit of all.

The year began much like it will end – by testing RS-25 engines to help power NASA’s Space Launch System rocket on future deep space missions. Every RS-25 engine that will help power the SLS rocket at launch for Artemis missions will be tested at NASA Stennis, including those that will send the first woman and the first person of color to the Moon.

Between test series, NASA Stennis completed multiple upgrades to the Fred Haise Test Stand uniquely tailored for the RS-25 testing effort. The projects included installation of new test stand piping, drilling a special flame bucket hole pattern to help cool RS-25 engine exhaust, and updating the stand’s thrust vector control and data acquisition systems.

Additionally, a vital component needed for Green Run testing of the Exploration Upper Stage to be used on future Artemis missions arrived at NASA Stennis as teams continued preparation work.

Meanwhile, the Autonomous Systems Laboratory (ASL) at NASA Stennis continues to be a leader in the design and deployment of autonomous systems. NASA Stennis is working with other agency centers to create a concept for a lunar rover that will autonomously mine lunar raw materials for processing and use on the Moon. As one member of the ASL team shared in a media interview, NASA is a place for people of all backgrounds to contribute as the agency inspires the world through discovery.

In 2022, the Strategic Business Development Office continued its work to promote the NASA Stennis

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Conservation Corner: A Brief History of White-tailed Deer Management



Guest Column
By James Cummins

In 1909, one of America’s foremost naturalists, Ernest Thompson Seton, estimated that at the time of the European settlers’ arrival in Jamestown in the early 1600s, the density of white-tailed deer in the Eastern United States was 10

per square mile. Using Seton’s calculations, the deer population would have been approximately 400,000 in that region alone. From this early abundance, however, numbers would decline steadily with only a few brief exceptions over the next 300 years. With an ever-increasing number of settlers came habitat loss, overharvesting and possibly most importantly, lack of any effective management practices or game laws. Theoretically, the initial small-scale clearing of forests and conversion to agriculture should have benefitted the deer herd, but sadly, this was not the case. As the decrease in deer numbers became evident to the early settlers, some

decided to act. Measures to bolster deer numbers were undertaken as early as the 1630s in the form of bounties on predators. By 1646, with herd numbers not responding, Portsmouth, Rhode Island enacted America’s first closed season on deer, with no hunting allowed between May 1 and November 1 and a 5 pound fine for any violation. In 1699, the Colony of Virginia also established a closed season, running from February 1 through July 31. The fine for violation of this law was 500 pounds of tobacco. In 1705, to improve compliance with the law, an amendment was made providing for the payment of half the fine to anyone acting as

an informant. Hunting as a means of survival was eventually accompanied by increasingly heavy commercial demands on the white-tailed deer resource. A trade in deer hides developed. Between 1698 and 1715, records indicate that Virginia annually exported approximately 14,000 hides to Europe. In 1748, 160,000 deer pelts were sent to England from South Carolina. Market hunting, to feed the venison appetite of a growing nation, became widespread. This was especially true in the mid- to late 1800s. The Lacey Act was the first federal law to address the protection of wildlife resources on a national level. It prohibited the interstate trans-

port of any wild game or birds taken in violation of state or territorial law. This law, along with the fact that deer had basically become scarce throughout their range, marked the beginning of the end for market hunting and any further depletion of the deer resource for commercial gain. Fortunately, since that time, white-tailed deer have proven resilient and have responded well to management efforts. Though by most accounts it took years for the tables to turn, many major factors are credited with the success of deer management over the past several decades. Some of these include protective game laws, land-use changes, refor-

estation, effective law enforcement, and restoration efforts by many determined to conserve this precious resource. In 1937, passage of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act, made the way for an 11% excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition to be used specifically for wildlife conservation and restoration. James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

Heed safety precautions when using space heaters

BY SUSAN M. COLLINS-SMITH
MSU EXTENSION SERVICE

Space heaters and fireplaces can help keep temperatures comfortable during cold weather. However, all types of heating equipment can be fire hazards if safety precautions are not taken.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, home heating fires happen most often in December, January and February, accounting for almost half of all home heating fires. Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, and it is the third leading cause of home fire deaths.

“Space heaters and other types of portable heaters are a great way to heat a single room, or supplement a building’s main heating system, or even make outdoor activities more comfortable when temperatures are colder than normal,” said Leslie Woolington, Mississippi State University Extension Service risk management and loss control manager. “But you need to make sure you use them safely.”

Woolington suggested safety precautions for using an electric, propane or fuel-fired space heater, either indoors or outdoors:

Keep heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including upholstered furniture, bedding, curtains, clothing, insulation, cardboard and papers. Never leave heaters on when unattended.



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Almost half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February. Some simple precautions can help reduce the risk of fire and injury.

Turn heaters off, unplug electric heaters, and turn off portable propane cylinders when leaving the area.

People should take the same precautions with fireplaces. The National Fire Protection Association recommends taking these additional precautions when using any type of heating equipment:

Ensure children and pets stay 3 feet away from heating equipment.

Have chimneys and heating equipment cleaned and inspected by a professional once a year.

Have stationary heaters, water heaters and central heating equipment installed by qualified professionals.

Always use the fuel specified by the manufacturer for fuel-fired heaters.

Use a sturdy fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying into the room. Allow ashes to cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance from the house.

Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Mississippi’s Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Connie Dolan said space heaters should only be used as a supplemental source of heat.

“Space heaters are intended only to give your home a little more heat when needed,” Dolan said. “They can easily overload circuits, causing a power failure or fire.”

Dolan pointed out that electric space heaters require a lot of power to run and draw high currents, which is why they should always be plugged directly into a wall outlet.

“S m a l l - g a u g e , low-quality extension cords cannot handle the high currents that space heaters use,” she said. “Many space heaters draw around 1,500 watts or more and should never be used with an extension cord. The high currents of electricity going through an extension cord can cause the extension cord’s insulation to melt, which could lead to a fire.”

When purchasing an electric space heater, Dolan said consumers

should look for units with these features:

A tip-over safety switch. This switch automatically turns the heater off if it is tipped over.

An Underwriter’s Laboratory, or UL, mark. This mark is the most common independent safety certification in the U.S. and indicates the device has been tested and approved.

A thermostat. Thermostats let the user set a temperature and allow the heater to turn off when the desired temperature is reached.

A long power cord. Make sure the cord is long enough to allow the heater to be a safe distance away from anything combustible.

A sturdy handle. This allows the heater to be safely moved.

When using a fuel-fired space heater, Dolan offers these safety tips:

Use fuel intended for indoor use. Never use gasoline. Safe types of fuel are propane, kerosene and natural gas. Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions when filling a heater with fuel.

Never use an unvented, fuel-fired space heater indoors. These heaters can cause carbon monoxide poisoning, which can lead to death. They can also emit nitrogen oxide, which can cause respiratory problems.

Use sealed combustion units. These are much safer to operate than other types of fuel-fired space heaters.

Hire a professional to install vented gas

heaters near an outside wall. Have these heaters professionally inspected once a year.

Install a carbon monoxide detector if using any type of fuel-fired space heater.

For more information about heating safety and other fire safety measures, visit the National Fire Protection Association website at <https://bit.ly/2lrQjrk>.

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nis federal city model and attract new companies on site. The center also received a prestigious agency award for its work as a leader in sustainability and energy use reduction.

Meanwhile, Relativity Space set a testing milestone in its work at Stennis, then announced plans to expand its presence at the south Mississippi site. Aerospace

company Rocket Lab also agreed to locate its engine test complex on site as NASA Stennis continues to be a model of government efficiency.

The story of NASA Stennis continued to be shared through outreach events to a wide and diverse audience in 2022. In addition, people from all walks of life continued to visit INFINITY Science Center, which celebrated its 10th anniversary as the official NASA Stennis visitors center.

The year also was highlighted by the first in-person Space Sprouts event hosted in Hatties-

burg for one of the largest pre-K programs in Mississippi. NASA Stennis launched Space Sprouts to reach preschool students and spur early interest in space and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Along the same lines, the ASTRO CAMP® Program launched at Stennis set new highs for participants as it expanded its national and global reach.

All in all, the past year added a new chapter to the NASA Stennis history books even as the center set its sights squarely on moving forward into the future.



Bay High sweeps in Christmas Tournament, SSC wins big over Poplarville

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

Despite the schools being off for the recent holiday break, several area basketball teams were in action over the break. The Bay High Tigers hosted their annual Christmas Tournament while Saint Stanislaus hosted Poplarville on December 28. The Hancock Lady Hawks traveled to Biloxi to participate in the Jackie Laird Classic.

BAY HIGH TIGERS
Bay High hosted their annual holiday tournament on December 28-29 at Wilmer Seymour Gymnasium/Mike Necaise Court. Along with the host team, the tournament featured boys' and girls' teams from Long Beach, Gautier, Pass Christian, Parklane Academy, the Ocean Springs boys' team, and the Raymond girls' team. On the first day of the tournament, the Bay High Lady Tigers opened the event with a 48-19 drubbing of the Long Beach Lady Bearcats. Bay High held a commanding 24-7 lead at the break before cruising to the win. Nakeria Coleman paced Bay High with 16 points followed by Emmalee Coote with 10 points. Kyleigh Williams led Long Beach with 6 points.

The Tiger followed suit with a narrow 33-32 victory over Long Beach. The Bearcats were ahead 16-11 at the break before Bay High bounced back for the win. Jaden Clark led Bay High with 15 points followed by Avan Wilson with 14. Wayne Ulrich led Long Beach with 7 points. The Lady Pirates took on the Lady Rangers of Raymond in the third game of the day with Pass Christian pulling out a 50-46 victory. The score was knotted at 24-24 at intermission. Kamiyah Pruitt led Pass Christian with 20 points followed by Arianna Crimm with 13 points. Markiyah Anderson and Leah Sutton each had 10 points to lead Raymond. The Gautier boys' team tangled with Parklane Academy from the Brookhaven area. Parklane held a 13-10 lead at halftime before Gautier pulled out the 35-33 win in overtime. Quincy Roberts scored 15 points followed by Shamane Carroll with 11 points to pace Gautier while Brewer Carruth scored 18 points to lead Parklane. Ocean Springs played Pass Christian in the fifth game with Ocean Springs pulling out the

76-68 win. The Greyhounds held a 35-26 advantage at halftime. Brendan Necaise led Pass Christian with 23 points followed by Larry Burks with 19 points and LJ Jaynes, Jr. had 12 points. Elijah Isaim led Ocean Springs with 30 points followed by Maddox Noblitt with 17 and Corbin Bundy. In the final game of the first night, the Lady Gators of Gautier played the Parklane Lady Pioneers. Parklane methodically dismantled Gautier with a 55-38 victory after maintaining a 29-13 halftime advantage. Gigi Lindsey led Parklane with 18 points followed by Zoe Alford with 16 and Liberty Gillihan with 12 points. Gautier was paced by Kamrie Walker with 14 points and McSwain with 10 points. On December 29, the Tigers (9-9) opened the tournament with a 37-26 win over Gautier. The Tigers held a slim 19-10 lead at intermission. Wilson and Clark both scored 17 points to pace Bay High. Walt Thomas and Roberts each scored 8 points to lead Gautier. The Lady Tigers (10-8) took on Parklane in the second game. Bay High led throughout the game for a 48-31 victory. Kiara Burney led Bay

High with 16 points and Coleman added 10. Gillihan scored 15 for Parklane. The Lady Pirates slipped past Gautier 47-40 after leading 25-17 at break. Daidria Cuevas scored 18 points to lead Pass Christian followed by Pruitt with 12. Waller led Gautier with 14 points followed by Brandi Martin with 10 points. Raymond doubled up the Lady Bearcats 54-28 in the fourth game of the day. Sutton paced Raymond with 18 points followed by Julia Robinson with 13. Kenyah Lacour scored 8 points to lead Gautier. Ocean Springs played Parklane in the fifth game as the Pioneers beat the Greyhounds 71-58. Noblitt led the attack for Ocean Springs with 15 points followed by Micah James with 14, and Isaim with 13 points. Carruth led Parklane with 30 points followed by John Michael Lamp-ton with 13 points. In the final game of the tournament, Pass Christian beat Long Beach 83-62 as Dillon Woods led Pass Christian with 29 points followed by Necaise with 20 and Burks with 13. Andre Windham led Long Beach with 13 points followed by Christian Spencer with 12 and Ulrich with 11

points. Bay High head coach Kelton Thompson talked about the tournament, "As far as the tournament goes, I liked how spread out the field was in terms of location. We had a good representation of the Coast along with a team from the west central part of the state in Parklane and Raymond from the east central part of Mississippi. You always wonder how teams will match up against each other and we had really solid matches from everyone involved both days. For our girls' team, I thought we played well against a very good Parklane team. I was proud of how we handled their pressure. We have been inconsistent this year up to this point but these two days we showed flashes of greatness. Our boys played well but we are capable of playing better. We still got two wins, but we are continuing to learn how to win and compete. The crowds were great both days and they were treated to some good matchups that featured some great performances by individuals."

HANCOCK LADY HAWKS
The #3-ranked Lady Hawks (18-0) remained undefeated after partici-

pating in the Jackie Laird Classic at Biloxi High School last week. The Lady Hawks defeated Madison Central 49-35 on Wednesday, December 28, and followed that with a 53-49 win over Clinton on December 29. Scoring details for the tournament games were unavailable at press time. **SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS**
The Rocks (6-10) picked up a 59-15 victory over the Poplarville Hornets on Tuesday evening. The Rocks jumped out to a 10-0 lead early and did not look back as they enjoyed a 31-11 lead at intermission. Paxton DeBardeleben scored 14 points to lead the Rocks and Heith Shinn added 10 points. SSC head coach Daniel Grieves commented, "It is always great to get a win. Poplarville is a well-coached team, and it is nice to know that we are getting a quality look against our opponent. We have to get work on the stuff we run and prepare for postseason play. We took a step forward tonight despite a thin bench due to the holidays. The players are playing hungry which is good to see as we are preparing for a division schedule that starts when we return to school."

Sea Wolves fall to River Dragons 4-0

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The Mississippi Sea Wolves continue to struggle in their inaugural season in the Class A-Federal Prospects Hockey League (FPHL) suffering a 4-0 loss to the Columbus (19-2-1) River Dragons on Friday, December 30, at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. The Sea Wolves (3-16-3) took 32

shots on goal in the game and had 28 of them stopped while surrendering four in the net. Adam Vannelli ripped the net with 11:25 left in the first period to give the River Dragons all the offense they needed for the win. Alex Storjohann added to the lead with a goal with less than a minute to play in the first period for a 2-0 advance

heading into the first break. Jacob Kelly and Kirk Underwood each scored a goal for the River Dragons in the second period to ultimately make the final score of 4-0 before the third and final period. Joe Sheppard started in goal for the Sea Wolves and stopped 19 of the River Dragons' 23 shots on goal with him in the crease in his debut. He left

the ice under physical duress midway through the second period. Blake Weyrick took over in relief of Sheppard and was credited with nine saves in goal and allowed no goals. The Sea Wolves return home to the Wolves' Den on Friday, January 13, with a two-game series against the Danbury Hat Tricks. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m.



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- **Basketball:** Bay High at Greene County, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** OLA at Tylertown, 5 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Pass Christian vs Stone, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus at Tylertown, 7:30 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Bay High at Pass Christian, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** OLA vs Long Beach, 5:30 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus at Resurrection, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 1-7-23

- **Basketball:** Girls Rock Shootout in Meridian - Hancock and Pass Christian, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Panther Classic in Pascagoula - Pass Christian, TBD.

- **Soccer:** I10/120 Shootout at Gulfport Sportsplex - Bay High boys/girls, Hancock boys/girls, OLA - TBD.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus at Pope John Paul II, 12 p.m.

TUESDAY 1-10-23

- **Basketball:** Hancock vs Gulfport, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Pass Christian at Moss Point, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus vs Jefferson Davis County, 7:30 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Bay High at Saint Stanislaus, 7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Hancock vs Gulfport, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** OLA at Resurrection, 5 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Pass Christian at St. Patrick, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.

Shore Thing: Pumpkin Patch



Shore Thing
Fishing Report
BY CPT. SONNY SCHINDLER

The term “Pumpkin Patch” has a different meaning for fishermen this time of year. I can’t take credit for the witty saying, but I do like to use it. A “Pumpkin Patch” in fishing terms, is an area full of those Orange-ish

and gold redbfish. Trust me, It’s a great place to visit this time of year. When Tim, Blaine and Piper Donner arrived at our dock, it was like we given a sign. Piper had a little round kids sticker on her jacket that read, “PUMPKIN PATCH VISITOR”. Well, since it was fall, and the redfish have begun stacking in the ponds, we figured why not go with it? It wound up being a good call. We found our redfish in little canals that were emptying out of small ponds. The water was falling out of the marsh very quickly. The fish were staged up in the current lines, where the water was deeper. For a while, it was really

like a pumpkin patch. If a live shrimp was cast into that moving water, it was coming back with a pumpkin(redfish) on it. We all had a great time. We tagged plenty of small fish, and boxed several eating size “Pumpkins”. The action was pretty steady all morning, and eventually they had a nice mess of fish to take home. On the ride home I asked Piper about the Pumpkin Patch sticker, still on her jacket. She laughed and said, “I don’t even remember the last time I was at a pumpkin patch”? I just grinned, and thought to myself, “we sure enough just left a good one”...



Photo courtesy of Sonny Schindler
Blaine and Tim Donner with a nice Pumpkin.



Photo courtesy of Sonny Schindler
Piper Donner and her pumpkin redbfish.



Photo courtesy of Sonny Schindler
Tim Donner with a bright Orange pumpkin patch redbfish.



Photo courtesy of Sonny Schindler
Blaine Donner with a nice pumpkin patch red.

DWGAN Golfing News from November of 2022

BY SHIRLEY HALTERMAN

The weather has actually been kind to us this year. No bad hurricanes impacted our coast this season. Yea! While rain did interrupt a game or two, the weather was mostly cooperative.

On the first Tuesday in November we played the front nine holes of the Pine course. The game was “Par 3s”. To explain, that means that every hole was played as a par 3. On normal par 4 or 5 holes, everyone played from the 150 yard marker making the hole a Par Three. You would think that would make the course easy but not necessarily so. Twenty-eight gals turned out to play this game. If you scored a par on each hole, you should have had a score of 27 for the nine holes. Because we had 27 gals playing we were able to have winners in four flights. Following are the winners for the First Flight: 1st Place - Therese Mauterer (35), 2nd

Place - Ann Nutting (39) and 3rd Place - Kathie Pierson (40). In the Second Flight: 1st Place - Judy Lakota (38), 2nd Place - Cheryl Saak (39) and 3rd Place - Cathy Gesell (40). In the Third Flight: 1st Place - Sylvia Corban (40), 2nd Place - Beryl Laird (41) and 3rd Place - Dinah Knobloch (43). And, last but not least, in the Fourth Flight: 1st Place - Mary Craig Murray (43), 2nd Place - Jerry Ingrham (44) and 3rd Place - Pattie Blackwood (46). During this round, we also held a Closest-to-the-Pin competition. Flight One = 1st Place went to Toni Rossol, Flight Two = 1st Place went to Janice Murray, Flight Three = 1st Place went to Dinah Knobloch and in Flight Four = Pattie Blackwood took the honors. In addition, both LaDonna Brown (hole #2) and Marilyn Galus (hole #7) scored Chip-Ins. Not to be outdone, the fol-

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



HEITH SHINN

The boys Basketball Player of the Week is Saint Stanislaus' Heith Shinn. In the Rocks' game against Poplarville, Shinn recorded 10 points, 4 rebounds, 4 steals, and 2 assists.



EMMALEE COOTE

The girls Basketball Player of the Week is Bay High's Emmalee Coote. In the Bay High Christmas Tournament, Coote averaged 9 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 assists while shooting 735 from the field in the Lady Tigers' two wins over Long Beach and Parklane Academy.



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lowing gals scored Birdies: LaDonna Brown on Hole #2, Mary Mizell on hole #5, and Dinah Knobloch on Hole #2. Great golfing gals!

Having played our Par Three competition on the first Tuesday, we held our usual Trophy Day on November 8th. This month’s Trophy Day was Low Net and was played on the back nine of the Cardinal. Thirty gals showed up for this competition. And, the winners were: Flight 1 - 1st Place = Susie Fontenot, 2nd Place = LaDonna Brown and 3rd Place = Judy Tauzin. Flight 2 - 1st Place = Judy Lakota, 2nd Place = Betty Perry, and 3rd Place = Cathy Gesell. Flight 3 - 1st Place = Kim Knight, 2nd Place = Kathy Jones, and 3rd Place = Cheryl Saak. Flight 4 - 1st Place = Do-

lores Louvier, 2nd Place = Pattie Blackwood, 3rd Place = Carol Wyrosdick. In the Low Putt competition, the winners were: Flight 1 - Marilyn Glaus, Flight 2 - Fran Smith, Flight 3 - Beryl Laird, Flight 4 - Carole Griffin and Jerry Irgraham tied. In the Closest to the Pin competition on Hole #2 the winners were: Flight 1 - Judy Tauzin, Flight 2 - Judy Lakota, Flight 3 - Sue Hebert and Flight 4 - Ruthie O’Neill. Not to be left out, Beryl Laird scored a Birdie on Hole #3.

On Tuesday, November 15th, we played our Annual Turkey Day competition. Each player gets a Turkey with handicapped score. The challenge is to shoot better than that score. The weather was not ideal and only 11 gals turned out to play. Our winners were: Liz Bell with one stroke less than her Turkey number, Judy Lakota with two strokes less than her number, Toni

Rossol scoring even with her Turkey number and Nancy Sislow scoring two strokes less than her Turkey number. Longest Drive from the Red Tees was won by Liz Bell. Closest to the Pin honors were: Flight 1 - Brigitte Becker and in Flight 2 - Liz Bell. When it came to the Lowest Putts completion, Flight 1 proved to have a tie between in Liz Bell and Toni Rossol each scoring 13 putts. In Flight 2, Nancy Sislow took the honors with only 15 putts. In addition, Judy Lakota scored a Birdie on hole #6.

During our Annual Meeting the following were elected as our new Board: Judy Tauzin - President, Pattie Blackwood - Vice President, Janice Murray - Secretary, Cathy Gesell - Treasurer, and Brigitte Becker - Handicap/Tournament Chairperson. Congrats to all our new officers and thanks to the previous crew.

The game on Tuesday,



Photo submitted
New Board Members: L to R: Brigitte Becker, Judy Tauzin, Janice Murray and Pattie Blackwood. Cathy Gesell had to leave for another commitment..

November 22nd, was Putter + 2. We played the back nine holes of the Cardinal Course. The Low Net Winners in Flight #1 were 1st Place = Janice Murray, 2nd Place = Cheryl Saak and 3rd Place = Therese Mauterer. In Flight #2 the following were the winners: 1st Place = Nancy Sislow, 2nd Place

= Brigitte Becker and 3rd Place = Mary Craig Murray. Janice Murray managed two Chip-Ins - one on #13 and another on #16. Way to go Janice!

A Scramble was the name of the game on November 29th. While the 15 brave souls did get drizzled on, they did manage to finish the

round. The First Place Team with a score of 33 consisted of Kim Knight, Therese Mauterer and Pat VanDervort. The Second Place Team was composed of Judi Brannan, Sylvia Corban, and Toni Rossol posting a score of 34. Great golfing gals!

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in the 10-second countdown to the New Year, signaling the start of a massive fireworks display.

While the pandemic put

a damper on the New Year’s 2021 event, it returned last year to an even bigger crowd. The Dave Mayley Band performed at the first two events, and was joined this year by Andree and the Giants and Dian Diaz from the Beau Rivage.

“We had a lot more bands this year, and had a great

lineup, and Dian Diaz was incredible and really moved the crowd,” MacPhaille said. “And the fireworks just went on forever — Josh DeSalvo and King Waste and Mayor Mike Favre did a fantastic job. “Everything was just so smooth and went well, and there were a lot more people, and everybody just had a great

time, listening to a free concert where everybody could bring chairs and just come out and enjoy themselves.”

This year’s event was co-sponsored by the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel, Mississippi Power, Hancock Whitney, King Waste, John McDonald Realty and Eagan Insurance.

“We’re going to look for more sponsors and try to provide more bands for next New Year and hopefully get even more people,” MacPhaille said. “It’s a great, free event and we want to continue the tradition.”



Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 Honors Voice of Democracy Essay Contest Winners



Photo submitted
Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 honored the 2022-2023 Voice of Democracy (VOD) winners at the annual post 2880 Christmas dinner at the Club at Diamondhead. Voice of Democracy has been the VFW's premier scholarship program since 1947. Voice of Democracy gives high school students an opportunity to write essays and voice recordings expressing their view on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme was "Why is the veteran important?" VFW Post 2880 sponsors students from Hancock high School. The winning students are awarded certificates of achievement, medals and a cash prize. Pictured left to right are Bronze medal winner Naomi Nelson, Post 2880 Commander Dr. Arlan "Ken" Griffey, VOD silver medal winner Linen Golding, VFW District 1 Commander Brittany Morisch, VOD gold medal winner Brett Malley and, Post 2880 Jr. Vice Commander Donald Crosby.

Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 Patriots Pen Medalist Wins VFW District Competition



Photo submitted
Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 Patriot's Pen 2022 medalist Karstyn Altese won the VFW Mississippi District 1 competition. Patriot's Pen is a VFW sponsored youth essay competition giving middle school students an opportunity to write essays expressing their view on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme was "My pledge to veterans." VFW Post 2880 sponsors students from Hancock Middle school. By winning the district completion Karstyn Altese now advances to the state competition. Pictured left to right is VFW District 1 Commander Brittany Morisch, Karstyn Altese, and VFW Post 2880 Jr. Vice Commander Donald Crosby.

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